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The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo  
Secretary of State  
Carol T. O'Connell  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pompeo and Deputy Assistant Secretary O'Connell:

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement." Please note that communication about, or participation in, the implementation of Executive Order (EO) 13888 is not an endorsement of the legality of the EO.

I write to affirm that the City of Atlanta will continue to take part in the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). As Mayor of Atlanta, I consent to initial refugee resettlement in our city pursuant to the terms of the EO. This consent is valid unless or until it is withdrawn.

Refugees are resilient, hardworking people whose innovative skills have contributed greatly to our city. They have opened businesses, revitalized neighborhoods, and are productive members of our community. Multiple studies demonstrate that refugees are economic contributors and job creators. For these reasons and more, the City of Atlanta will continue to welcome refugees.

Sincerely,

Keisha Lance Bottoms